

**International Water Association  
Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK)**

**Minutes of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting**

**Venue** : WSD Headquarters Conference Room, Room 4819, Immigration Tower

**Date** : 29 August 2011 (Monday)

**Time** : 5:45 p.m.

**Present**

Ir L T MA	Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Chairman</i> )
Ir C C CHAN	Director of Drainage Services ( <i>Vice Chairman</i> ) Drainage Services Department (DSD)
Ir K W CHAN	Deputy Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Secretary</i> )
Ir David C W CHAU	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Mechanical & Electrical ( <i>Treasurer</i> )
Ir Alan H L MAN	Vice President and Managing Director – North Asia Pacific, Black & Veatch Water
Ir C Y FONG	Managing Director, ATAL Engineering Ltd
Mr Alex K K CHAN*	Senior Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department (EPD)
Prof X Y LI**	Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, HKU

**Absent with Apology**

Ir Gordon S H WAN	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, EPD
Prof Herbert H P FANG	Chair Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, HKU

**In Attendance**

Ir T O LEE	Senior Engineer/Headquarters, Water Supplies Department (WSD) ( <i>Note Taker</i> )
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\* in attendance on behalf of Mr. Gordon S H WAN, Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Acting), EPD

\*\* in attendance on behalf of Prof Herbert H P FANG, Chair Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, HKU

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**(1) Welcoming remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the 10th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK).

**(2) Matters arising from the 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (28 Mar 2011)**

**(i) Nomination of IWA Fellow**

The Chairman informed members that the nomination of Prof G H CHEN to be IWA Fellow (for a term of 5 years) had been endorsed and a formal reception of the newly appointed Fellows would be held during the 4<sup>th</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition in Tokyo, 2-6 October 2011. Under the IWA Fellow programme, Prof CHEN would be required to:

- (a) continue as a leading researcher in the development of novel water science and technology;
- (b) continue as a contributing editorial board member for IWA publications including Water Research and Aqua and Water Science and Technology;
- (c) continue as a leading person in organizing major IWA conferences and managing specialist groups; and
- (d) continue as a leading person in promotion of exchanges among water academicians and professionals in China and HK.

Due to some technical reasons, another nomination for Prof Herbert H P FANG that also met the requirements for classification as an IWA Fellow had not been pursued further this time. However, IWAHK would continue to render its support to the nomination for Prof FANG when required in the next round of election.

**(ii) Proposal for IWA Leading-edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies in Hong Kong**

As agreed in the 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, the target year for Hong Kong to host the IWA Leading-edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technology Conference would be 2016. Ir T O LEE informed members that Prof G H CHEN was drafting the bidding proposal and would submit it to IWA for consideration in ample time.

**(iii) YWP Chapter**

Ir T O LEE informed members that Ir Johnson C K LEE had invited some IWA Corporate Members to nominate young professionals to take part in the preparation meeting for the formation of the YWP Chapter. Ir C Y Fong said that ATAL had already responded positively and two of his young staff would take part in the preparation meeting. Ir Alan M H MAN also said that he would nominate his young colleagues to join.

Based on Ir Johnson C K LEE's clarification with IWA and other countries' YWP Chapters, the formation of local YWP Chapter would only require the endorsement of IWAHK. It would not be necessary to obtain IWA's approval. Also, the participants of the YWP Chapter would not necessarily be an individual member of IWA though they would be encouraged to join.

After some further discussions, the Chairman concluded that he would request Ir Johnson C K LEE to further explore the possibility of forming the local YWP Chapter. Apart from the Corporate Members, the universities should also be approached. Their participation should be conducive to attracting young people to join the activities organised by the local YWP Chapter if formed.

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**(iv) Promotion of Membership**

There was no progress reported under this item.

**(3) Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events**

During the meeting, the following forthcoming IWA events were brought up for the attention of all members:

Event	Venue	Period
City of the Future Xian: Technologies for Urban Water Management <a href="http://www.cof-xian2011.com">www.cof-xian2011.com</a>	Xian, China	15-18 September 2011

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IWA Board Meeting and Governing Assembly	Vienna, Austria	23-24 September 2011
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4 <sup>th</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition	Tokyo, Japan	2-6 October 2011
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[www.aspire2011.org](http://www.aspire2011.org)

8 <sup>th</sup> IWA World Water Congress	Busan, Korea	16-21 September 2012
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[www.iwa2012busan.org](http://www.iwa2012busan.org)

### (Non-IWA Event)

9 <sup>th</sup> Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Seminar on Water Supply	Zhuhai, China	19-20 October 2011
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[www.zhuhai-water.com.cn/Category\\_1204/Index.aspx](http://www.zhuhai-water.com.cn/Category_1204/Index.aspx)

Ir T O LEE informed members of the following facts regarding the above events:

- (i) Prof G H CHEN would give a keynote speech in the “City of the Future Xian: Technologies for Urban Water Management” conference. During a workshop held alongside, he would also deliver a talk about Hong Kong’s work and experience in SANI® process for wastewater treatment as well as sea water for flushing.
- (ii) There would be no representative from Hong Kong, China for the IWA Board Meeting and Governing Assembly.
- (iii) There would be 4 WSD delegates and 2 DSD delegates participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition. WSD, DSD and BV would present technical papers during the event. Dr Samuel CHUI of EPD had been invited to present his paper regarding the triple water supply system of the Hong Kong International Airport that he had presented in the 8<sup>th</sup> IWA Leading-edge Conference, Amsterdam, June

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2011. Also, Prof G H CHEN had been invited to present Hong Kong's case for smart practice in water cycle during the IWA Smart Water-Cluster Workshop held alongside the ASPIRE event.

- (iv) WSD had submitted two technical papers, both related to the re-provisioning of Sha Tin Water Treatment Works for the 8<sup>th</sup> IWA World Water Congress. DSD was planning to submit a drainage project proposal in Happy Valley for the IWA Project Innovation Award on this occasion.
- (v) As a co-organiser of the 9<sup>th</sup> Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Seminar on Water Supply, WSD had submitted three technical papers on the subjects of water quality management, replacement and rehabilitation of water mains and waterworks heritage respectively for the event.

### **(4) 2011 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong**

The Chairman briefed members that following the success of the water conservation design competition last year, WSD decided to launch another water conservation competition targeting the participation of households and secondary school students in September. It provided another good opportunity to combine the launching event with the World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) 2011 activities. A proposal had been sent to all members as an attachment to the agenda.

Tentatively, the event would take place at Ma On Shan Water Treatment Works on 18 September 2010 (Sunday), the official date for the WWMD. A PR consultant had been appointed by WSD recently to organise the competition and the ceremony. The PR consultant would arrange groups of young students to participate in the event. Waterworks chemists would take charge of the test as usual and brief participants on the testing instructions. As the WWMD activity this year would be part of WSD's launching event for the competition, IWAHK would be the co-organiser of the part for WWMD and the expenses of which would be absorbed by WSD.

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An invitation card for the event would be sent to all IWAHK Co-opted Members in due course. The Chairman invited All members the presence of all meeting members to grace the special occasion.

### **(5) New Term (2011-2013) for Co-opted Membership**

The Chairman informed members that according to Rule 10 of the IWAHK Constitution, the co-opted membership should be for 2 years and that the current one would expire by end August 2011. In response to invitations sent to all current co-opted members, Ir C Y FONG and Ir Alan H L MAN indicated that they would be pleased to continue serving on the regional committee for another 2 years. Prof Herbert H P FANG had nominated Prof X Y LI to replace himself for the co-opted membership in the new term. Also, Prof G H CHEN was nominated to join the IWAHK Executive Committee as co-opted member in view of his IWA Fellow status and his involvement in organising the IWA Leading-edge Conference in 2016. Prof CHEN had indicated his willingness to accept the invitation. The meeting agreed to the above co-opted memberships for the term 2011-2013 and appointment letters would be issued in Secretary due course.

Mr Alex K K CHAN said that subsequent to the retirement of Dr H Y YEUNG in early 2011, EPD had not yet decided on the representative to sit in the IWAHK Executive Committee and therefore Mr Gordon S H WAN would take up the co-opted membership on a temporary basis. EPD EPD would inform the Secretary immediately when the representative had been decided.

### **(6) Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:30 p.m. The date of the 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting would be announced later.